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Dear Ms. Leef,

You do not say, in your interesting letter of the 24th, whether or not you ever read Profiles in Courage. If you have not, I think it is worth reading.

What the books that cite my work do not tell you is that I am closer to 78 than to 77, have had a series of serious health reverses over the past 15 years, most recently open-heart surgery, and that I'm not now able to do much. So I can't really do much to be of help to you now.

But if you do not mind, I make a few suggestions.

One is a means by which you may be able to resolve the doubt. Or to put it better, a means by which you may be able to decide whether or not it was possible for JFK to be your father. It will not make it possible to decide that he was but it can make it possible to decide that he could not have been.

Most reasonably large public libraries and all large university libraries have the New York Times index and the indexed issues on microfilm. You can also consult the Minn. and St. Paul papers for September, 1953 and learn whether or not JFK was in the area in September, 1953. If he was not, then you'd be limited to whether or not your mother could have been with him elsewhere.

I am pretty sure he was in the Congress then and ordinarily when Members appear in a city or an area it is reported in the papers. The Times might or might not report their appearances but it also would indicate whether or not the Congress was in session and whether or not it was transacting business that would require his presence there.

From your letter I get the impression that people are pressuring you over this. If that is so and if you want to consult someone who can help you, I have a good friend in Minn. who might be able to. His name is Gary Schoener and he runs the Walk-In Counselling Center at 2421 Chicago Ave. S. He is a psychologist and I think a rather unusual and principled man who has always been willing to consider what others refused to consider. For example, he was, I am pretty sure, the first person to testify on behalf of women who had been taken advantage of by their psychiatrists. Until he did, it was impossible for such abused women to get any help.

Although for many years now it has not been possible for him to continue his interest in it, he and I met over his interest in the JFK assassination.

So, if you feel that you need any help from pressures over your belief in your parentage, try Gary and tell him I suggested it to you.

In the event you have any interest in the assassination, I enclose a list of my books. They are not theoretical, they do not conjecture who did it. They are an analysis of the official solution, based on official records, about a third of a million pages of which I obtained by means of the Freedom of Information law, plus what was available in the Warren Commission's publication and its records in the National Archives.

I hope you can find a way of satisfying yourself, one way or another.

Best wishes and good luck

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